The Anchal Superintendent will be asked to enquire into your suggestion about placing an Anchal box at Pandapilavu.

94. Needs of the Kunnattur taluk.

MR. MATTHAI MUTALALI (*Kunnattur taluk*) first spoke about the immediate necessity of establishing a Magistrate's Court at Adur. In the absence of a Court at Adur, the inhabitants of the Kunnattur taluk had to go to the Kottarakara Magistrate's Court to get relief in criminal cases. Originally, there was a Magistrate's Court at Adur, but it was abolished during the time of Dewan Mr. Raghaviah. Ever since, the people of the taluk had been continuously urging for the re-establishment of the Court at Adur. If this could not be done at once, at least the Tahsildar of the taluk might be invested with the powers of a Second Class Magistrate.

The inhabitants of Adur suffered much on account of the location of the P. W. D. toll-gate at Adur. As the toll-gate was located just at the centre of the town, with three subsidiary gates on the three main approaches of the town, the people had to pay toll even for attending to their daily necessities, such as taking a patient to the hospital, carrying manure to the paddy fields, etc. The toll-gate could more profitably be located at the Pulaman junction at Kottarakara or the Kurumtottyattu junction at Pandalam. There were about 140 motor buses plying daily through the Pulaman junction, against 96 buses passing through Adur. Kurumtottyam junction also had 110 buses plying daily. The toll-gate should therefore be shifted to either of the above places. If the Government had any doubt about the feasibility of the above suggestion, they might try the other two junctions also experimentally and finally locate the toll-gate at the place which would give the largest annual return to the Government at the minimum trouble and inconvenience to the people.

The Government had promised at the 22nd session of the Assembly to open a road connecting the Kayankulam-Punalur road at the 13th mile with the Adur-Sastankotta road at the 3rd mile, provided the people would surrender the required land free of cost. The land owners of the locality had agreed in writing to surrender the land accordingly. But it was regrettable that nothing further was done in the matter. The road, if opened, would add considerably to the facilities of means of communication in the taluk and afford access to the Pallikkal pakuthi, one of the important pakuthies in the taluk which was cut off from the rest of the taluk. The road should be opened without any further delay.

As a result of repeated representations in the Assembly the Government were convinced of the necessity of conserving the Anayadi river to make it useful for irrigation purposes and they sanctioned the construction of 5 or 6 bunds in the river so as to regulate the flow of water. But even these bunds had become useless for want of regular maintenance. The existing bunds should be repaired and properly maintained and additional cross bars should be provided wherever they were found necessary.

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Lastly, the member spoke about the need for opening a road from Enattu to Parakod to provide direct communication to the latter place, which had the most important market in the taluk. There was at present only a circuitous route, covering a distance of 9 miles to get access to the Parakod market. The proposed road would bring Enattu within four miles of the market and would also open up the Enadimangalam pakuthi which was shut out from the rest of the taluk for want of proper means of communication.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Matthai, Mutalali, a conference is to be held shortly on the question of the redistribution of magisterial jurisdiction. At that conference, the question of the establishment of a Magistrate's Court at Adur will come up for consideration.

The question of removing the toll-gate at Adur requires a thorough investigation.

The work of constructing a road connecting the 13th mile of the Kayankulam-Punalur road with the 3rd mile of the Adur-Sastankotta road has been recommended by the Road Board; and it will be taken up in the order of priority fixed by the Board.

The construction of more cross bars in the Anayadi river will be investigated and a report submitted by the Chief Engineer.

The improvement of the road from Parakod to Enattu is not very urgent. There is another adjacent road for the people to use, and so it must wait, till more important roads are dealt with.

The Assembly adjourned at 5-2 P. M. to meet again at 11-30 A. M. the next day.

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